

Pontrilas May 22 1851

My dear Gray

I found your letter here on reaching home last night and have many thanks to return to you for all the trouble you have had about my commission - but I am afraid I must give you still further trouble and cause you to think me very tiresome and unreasonable when I beg you if possible to undo what you have done and return the work to the bookseller - I was quite horrified at the price - so ~~very~~ much beyond what the thing is worth or what I can afford to give whatever be its worth My notion of the Flore d'Abbeville was a couple of volumes of text at about 10f each with some 20 or 30 plates worth of plates making it come to about a couple of pounds - To give

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£10 for a work before it is finished
which when done is not worth a
quarter of that sum seems to me
quite preposterous - but I do hope
Baillière will take it back as indeed
he ought not to consider it as a
concluded bargain till you could
get an answer from me - and I have
no time in sending this.

We have had three very agreeable
but very busy weeks in town since
morning in the Great Exhibition of
three or four hours each and the
last day we could scarcely come away
from it - besides some of the usual
Exhibitions etc - two days at Kew
and very little time to see our friends
- none for botany - to which I am
now going to apply myself again
and shall profit of the memoranda
you have kindly sent about Compositae
etc.

I think that the prospects of Dr
Hooker's being employed at Kew -

temporarily in the first instance -
are very fair and the matter is
progressing favorably - when once
this it will be more easy to get
him permanently attached to the
garden.

This plan is looking very
beautiful just now - We live in
hopes of you and Mr Gray spending
another week or two with us
here

Yours very sincerely
George Deighton